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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 389
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Tammy Payne on her selection as the 2001 DeKalb West School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, Each year, after a rigorous examination of several highly qualified candidates, one is chosen for the prestigious title DeKalb County West Elementary School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming choice for the 2001 honor was Tammy Ann Vaden Payne; and

WHEREAS, A native of Putnam County, Ms. Payne graduated from Monterey High School in 1980; and

WHEREAS, She is a three time graduate of Tennessee Technological University, having received her Bachelor of Science Degree, in Home Economics, Child Development and Family Relations, in 1984; her Master of Arts Degree, in Early Childhood Education, in 1986; and her Ed. S. Degree, in Curriculum and Instruction–Reading, in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Ms. Payne gained valuable experience as a participant in the Tennessee Tech Gifted and Talented Summer Program; and

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WHEREAS, From 1987-1992, she was a popular instructor in the Tech HEC 450 Infant and Toddler Education School of the Home Economics Department; and

WHEREAS, Also during those important years, Ms. Payne worked with her usual extraordinary diligence and dedication as a Child Development Specialist in the school Child Development Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, From 1992-1997, this expert teacher taught at Mt. Juliet Christian Academy, in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, in the Kindergarten from 1992-1993, as the Learning Laboratory Instructor from 1993-1995, and as their First Grade teacher from 1995-1997; and

WHEREAS, Realizing the importance of teaching children the value of exercise, Ms. Payne also served as the Varsity Cheerleading Coach at the school from 1992-1997; and

WHEREAS, For the last four years Tammy Payne has taught Third Grade Science and served as the Cheer Coach at DeKalb West Elementary School, where she has added to her fine record; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, she was honored with the Tennessee Technological University Department of Home Economics Outstanding Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Payne is an active and contributing member of the Tennessee Education Association and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, It is proper that we pause in our deliberations to honor this great teacher; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Tammy Payne on her selection as the 2001 DeKalb West Elementary School Teacher of the Year and wish her much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.